



## FICMNEW - public meeting notes

26-Aug-2015, 3:30 PM eastern

**Attendees:** MaryAnn Rondinella (DOT-FHWA, co-chair), Annie Simpson (USGS, co-chair), Jonathan Jones (APHIS), Terri Hogan (NPS), Lee Van Wychen (WSSA), Chuck Barger (UGA, NAISN), Bob Nowierski (NIFA), Al Tasker (USDA APHIS), Jil Swearingen (NPS), Wendy Hall (APHIS), Douglas Burkett (DoD), Tony Koop (USDA APHIS), Don Shilling (WSSA), Marlene Cole (APHIS), Julie Kraft (NAISMA)

### ACTIONS SUMMARY

Action	Who	Date
FICMNEW agency representatives provide Don Shilling with input on common interests between agencies and WSSA.	All	As you are able

### Meeting Summary

This call followed the FICMNEW Executive Session. Al Tasker gave a farewell presentation on the history of FICMNEW. Al is retiring. His last day in the office will be Monday, August 31. The presentation was followed by Participant Round Table Reports.

To access an online recording (audio and video) of Al Tasker's presentation, visit this link:

<https://usgs.webex.com/usgs/lsr.php?RCID=814e68025f0241009fa1dfddc1e3e408>

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Facilitated by MaryAnn Rondinella

Check in (all)

Questions about previous meeting notes (Rondinella): None

### Presentation: “Sheriff Al and the Wild FICMNEW bunch”

On the eve of his retirement from Federal service, Dr. Al Tasker (USDA-APHIS) graciously agreed to give a presentation reminiscing about his experiences with FICMNEW over more than a decade.

Dr. Alan Tasker has served as USDA APHIS Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist since 2012. His current duties include managing data development to support the ‘Not Allowed Pending Pest Risk Assessment’ category of imports for Plants for Planting. He had previously served APHIS Plant Protection & Quarantine as National Noxious Weed Policy Manager since 1999. As a member of the APHIS Weeds Cross Functional Work Group, he is involved in reviewing and priority setting for evaluation of weeds and plants as hosts of insects and pathogens. His previous APHIS jobs have included pesticide registration support and environmental documentation. A weed scientist and agronomist, Al has experience in government, industry, and consulting, and has worked in all States beginning in “M” except Maine and Massachusetts. Al (as Sheriff Al) has for the last 10 years or so been passing out Invasive Weed Control information and singing weed songs with Randy Westbrook (aka Randy the Weed Wrangler) for Kid’s Fun Day at the National Weed Awareness Week, (later National Invasive Species Awareness Week).

Here is the link to Sheriff Al's recorded presentation from the meeting:

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### Q/A (All)

- In retirement, Al will be a consultant with Invasive Plant Control, LLC.
- General agreement that Al's presentation provided an excellent overview of the history of FICMNEW for new members.
- All thanked Al for his contributions to FICMNEW and for all of his work that has brought invasive plants to the attention of the Federal government and U.S. citizens.



## Participants' Roundtable (All)

**FHWA (Rondinella)** – Congress is still working on a new surface transportation bill. The Senate has drafted a six-year bill that differs from a House bill and the Administration's bill. It appears likely that Congress will pass a continuing resolution of the current MAP-21 bill until the differences can be resolved after both houses of Congress return from their summer recess.

**USGS (Simpson)** – A Workshop 'Promoting Synergy in the Innovative Use of Environmental Data,' hosted by NatureServe and the USGS with funding from the National Science Foundation, will be held at the DOI South Interior Building Auditorium at 1951 Constitution Ave NW, Washington DC, December 2-4, South Main Interior Building.

There is no registration fee but seats are limited. All participants must be registered. Federal employees are strongly encouraged to attend but there are no travel funds offered. Applications for attendance by Non-Federal employees can be submitted as a simple email to Brigid Milan (Brigid\_Milan@natureserve.org). Non-Federal employees, especially students, may apply for limited travel funds by contacting Healy Hamilton (healy\_hamilton@natureserve.org). Applications for attendance by Federal employees can be submitted as a simple email to Annie Simpson (asimpson@usgs.gov).

Workshop URL: <http://www.natureserve.org/news-events/events/promoting-synergy-innovative-use-environmental-data>

**NAISMA (Kraft)** – Thank you to FICMNEW for the opportunity to present PlayCleanGo to the group several months ago. Have had good response to presentation. The next NAISMA's next meeting in VanCouver British Columbia Oct 19-22, check NAISMA.com for agenda <http://www.playcleango.org/>

**Marlene Cole, APHIS Ecologist** - First time participant in FICMNEW Open meeting, looking forward to future meetings.

**WSSA (Shilling)** – Don Shilling will be new WSSA liaison and will work closely with NIFA and EPA. He is a professor and head of the Crop & Soil Sciences Department at the University of Georgia.

- Interested in arranging the next Open meeting as a face-to-face meetings. Would like to discuss with FICMNEW agency reps that are mutually beneficial related to weed research. Don's email address is [dgs@uga.edu](mailto:dgs@uga.edu).

**WSSA (Van Wychen)** – Working on a risk management approach to protecting Monarchs informed by other pollinator initiatives. Note that agencies should not be rash in promotion of Monarch habitat. Lee provided comments the National and Regional Weed Science Societies submitted on various pollinator protection plans (summarized below and attached) and to the EPA on USDA's Biomass Crop Assistance Program (See attachments).

- Comment set (2015-0389) concerns EPA's white paper titled "Risk Management Approach to Identifying Options for Protecting the Monarch Butterfly." This is the start of a process of stakeholder input and collaboration that needs to balance weed management needs with the conservation of milkweed for protecting the monarch butterfly. The weed science societies emphasized the following points:
  - 1. More research is needed on milkweed species (*Asclepias* spp.).
  - 2. Consideration for the management of herbicide resistant weeds.
  - 3. Utilizing noncropped areas for milkweed habitat.
  - 4. A complex issue without a "one size fits all" answer.
- Comment set (2014-0818) deals with EPA's proposed rule for the "Mitigation of Exposure to Bees from Acutely Toxic Pesticide Products." Our main concern is the hazard-based approach taken with this proposed rule. The proposed rule removes consideration of the exposure component completely from the risk assessment process as well as a benefits assessment in determining the need for and appropriateness of risk mitigation steps. We focused on the three herbicides that were on EPA's proposed list of 76 pesticide active ingredients.

**Next meeting: FICMNEW Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am ET (earlier because of facilitator Bob Nowierski's availability)**

Presentation ideas welcomed, email [asimpson@usgs.gov](mailto:asimpson@usgs.gov)



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### Potential Acronyms List

Term/ Acronym	Meaning [note that some acronyms in this list may not appear in this document]
ACK55	Bioherbicide <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> strain ACK55
AM	Ante Meridian (morning)
ANSTF	Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture
APIPP	Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
BLM	Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior
CO	Colorado
CONABIO	National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (in Spanish)
CWMA	Cooperative Weed Management Area
D7	bioherbicide <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> strain D7
DC	District of Columbia
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior
DOS	Department of State
DOT	Department of Transportation
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAB	Emerald Ash Borer
EDDMapS	Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System
EDRR	Early Detection Rapid assessment and Response
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ET	Eastern Time
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act
FEIS	Fire Effects Information System
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation
FICMNEW	Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious Exotic Weeds
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior
GrSG	Greater Sage Grouse
ICR	Internal Control Review
IPC	Invasive Plant Control, Inc.
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ISAC	Invasive Species Advisory Committee (FACA Committee of NISC)
ITAP	Federal Interagency Committee on Invasive Terrestrial Animals and Pathogens
LLC	Limited Liability Company
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding

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NAISF	North American Invasive Species Forum; also "NAIS Forum" (formerly Weeds Across Borders),
NAISMA	North American Invasive Species Management Association (formerly NAWMA)
NAISN	North American Invasive Species Network
NAWMA	North American Weed Management Association (former name, now NAISMA)
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County, Department of Defense
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization, generally not-for-profit
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture
NISC	National Invasive Species Council
NISMS	National Invasive Species Management System (Bureau of Land Management)
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency, Department of Commerce
NPS	National Park Service, Department of Interior
NW	North West
NY	New York
OESHA	Office of Environment, Safety and Health Assessments, Department of Energy
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PA	Pennsylvania
PM	Post Meridian (afternoon)
PRISM	Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management
RFP	Request For Proposals
RFS	Renewable Fuel Standard program (EPA)
RIN	Regulation Identification Number (EPA)
RRIS	Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition
SAFED	FICMNEW elist for federal employees
SD-DA	South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Spp	species
TN	Tennessee
URL	Web address; Uniform Resource Locator
US	United States
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey, Department of Interior
WAB	Weeds Across Borders (now North American Invasive Species Forum)
WRA	Weed Risk Assessment
WSSA	Weed Science Society of America